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MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Rep ADOLPH J SABBATH, (D-Ill), dean of the House, (after conference with Pres Truman): "He said the Presidency is a killing job (It killed Roosevelt) and that he has now put in his 7 yrs. However, he added that if he actually feels it would be of aid to America and the world, he will be willing to sacrifice his health, shorten his life, and be a candidate again." 1-Q

Rev JAS H ROBINSON, pastor Presbyterian Church of the Master, Harlem, N Y C: "The use of a few bright young American Negroes in U S embassies thruout the world would favorably influence race-conscious peoples everywhere; might prove the smartest way to defeat communism overseas." 2-Q

MICHAEL V DI SALLE, resigning as Director of Price Stabilization: "You feel pretty silly signing orders decontrolling dinosaur skeletons, sun dials and canned rattlesnake meat. I was accused of

decontrolling sphygmoscillometers rather than learn how to spell them. This rumor I have never denied." 3-Q

Rep CHAS B BROWNSON, (R-Ind): "If we should go to war with Russia tomorrow, fighting with adding machines and motion picture projectors, we'd win by noon. If Russia insists on meeting us with guns, planes, tanks and ships—we are in a bad way." 4-Q

Prominent Dixiecrat spokesman: "Our best course is to take the usual drubbing at the Nat'l Convention; foster the impression that Southern pride has been trampled on by Fair Dealers. That looks like the only way we can spark a rally to our cause." 5-Q

ELLIS ARNALL, former gov of Ga, on being appointed price stabilizer by Pres Truman: "I have no extraordinary ability, am no economist and know of no magic formula to solve price problems." 6-Q

T W E L F T H Y E A R O F P U B L I C A T I O N



A meeting in progress in Lisbon about the time you read these lines may have a marked effect on the American political scene. Eisenhower is stuck at this NATO conference. If it drags, or ends inconclusively, there will be little hope for his ret'n to U S before New Hampshire primary March 11. The Gen'l's backers say he must soon appear on the scene and campaign actively for nomination.

There is little question Eisenhower will win New Hampshire, but his forces badly need a smashing victory to start the bandwagon. The state's vote is thin, widely scattered (121,000 Republican, 107,000 Democratic ballots cast in '48 Presidential election). Campaigning is tedious, costly; a good state organization very important. Here Eisenhower and Truman have advantage in their parties.

If Taft and Stassen combined garner 40% of Republican ballots in the preference primary, Eisen-

hower victory will be stripped of much of its effectiveness. In the Democratic fold, 30% of the votes for Kefauver certainly would give Administration forces cause for concern. Incidentally, Kefauver is getting support of conservative Democrats who haven't closely checked his voting record. They might be chagrined to find how far he leans to the left.

An early spot check of industrial earnings for '51 indicates the depth of federal tax bite. These firms averaged 18% increase over '50 in profits before taxes, but showed 13% less net after taxes. This is a significant warning that we approach the shore line of the ominous Red Sea.

Universal Military Training: It is not as near passage as statements of proponents might lead you to believe. There is basic disagreement between Pentagon and House Armed Services Committee. Public opinion is divided and strong opposition is developing in both parties. It is pretty safe to say that the bill in its present form stands virtually no chance of passage at this session. If we have UMT at all, it will be with further significant amendments.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"
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Charles Haddon Spurgeon



ACCOMPLISHMENT—1

The farmer had impressed the hired lad that work well planned was half done. The lad was to cart stones for a dyke. At dinner the farmer asked how he had got along.

"Half done," repl'd the lad.

"Splendid," said the farmer.
"How many loads?"

"None," said the lad, "but I've planned where to lay the heaps."
—*Catholic Fireside*.

ANALYSIS—2

The sign of a high intelligence is the ability to *d.associate* ideas that are traditionally bound together, and to separate truths from the emotions they become wrapped in. Our tragic incapacity to make this separation is responsible for almost all the wars and social catastrophes of mankind.—
SYDNEY J HARRIS, *Chicago News*.

ART—3-

Painting is poetry which is seen and not heard, and poetry is a painting which is heard but not seen.—J P RICHTER & I A RICHTER, *The Literary Works of Leonardo da Vinci*, Oxford University Press, London.

CAPITALISM—Communism—4

The communist societies are willing to make capital out of men's lives. We make capital out of the profit and loss system.—HARRY A BULLIS, chmn, Gen'l Mills, at Niagara Frontier Convocation.

CHARACTER—5

Temperament we are born with, character we have to make; and that not in the grand moments . . . but in the daily, quiet paths of pilgrimage. — BALDWIN BROWN, *Christian Science Monitor*.

CHANGE—6

Change isn't necessarily improvement. Sometimes an old setup is better than a new upset.—*Sales Maker*.

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Scandalous Revenge

I'll file my income tax return
With tranquil disposition;
This yr, I'll watch the *agent*
burn

Beneath my cold suspicion!
—IVAN J COLLINS, *Pathfinder*. 7

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CHAUVINISM—8

"What funny names these Korean towns in the news have," remarked a man from Schenectady as he read a Poughkeepsie newspaper on his way to meet a friend in Hackensack.—*Sunshine Mag*.

CHILD—Training—9

Wistful-looking little boy to teacher in progressive kindergarten where all are doing as they wish: "Isn't there *anything* we mustn't do?"—Cartoon by SIGGS in *Punch*, London.

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QUOTE and the Postman

A primary reason for changing the format of QUOTE was our belief (supported by the Post Office Dep't) that the new size might expedite delivery. In a recent survey, sent to a cross-section of subscribers, 32 per cent reported earlier delivery of their weekly copies. We are happy to add that more than 85 per cent voluntarily expressed approval of the new format. For your information, QUOTE is mailed on Friday, preceding wk of publication. With normally efficient mail service it *should* reach most subscribers on Monday of the wk of publication. That it often does not, is one of our tribulations.

COMMITTEE—Service—10

One never knows when he is getting into trouble—but he can be pretty sure of it when he agrees to serve on a committee.—T HARRY THOMPSON, *Sales Mgt.*

COMMUNISM—11

An official Soviet treatise called "Communism and the Motherland" states:

"Actual co-operation with the U S S R, the readiness of the workers of any country to subject all their aims to the basic problem of strengthening the U S S R in their struggle—this is the manifestation of revolutionary proletar-

ian internationalism on the part of workmen in forgn countries.

"The defense of the U S S R, as of the Socialist motherland of the world proletariat, is the holy duty of every honest man everywhere and not only of the citizens of the U S S R."

You can't get franker language than that. Those paragraphs should be studied and restudied by every fuzzy thinker who has convinced himself that all the fuss about the Reds is a lot of nonsense.—HERMAN A LOWE, *Philadelphia Inquirer.*

CONSCIENCE—12

Conscience, like a pencil, must be sharpened before it is useful.—T N TIEMEYER, *Pulpit Digest.*

COURAGE—13

Courage is the art of being frightened without letting it show.—PIERRE VERON quoted in *1001 Anecdote*, Werner Classen Verlag, Zurich, Switzerland (QUOTE translation).

COURTESY—14

If common courtesy has been lost in America, it can be found where we lost it—in the American home. — BURTON HILLIS, *Better Homes & Gardens.*

DEFENSE—Costs—15

In the 17-mo period since the attack on Korea, the Dep't of Defense has obligated \$51.2 billion for procurement and construction. The Air Force has accounted for 40% of the am't.—*Survey Bulletin.*

EDUCATION—16

At the turn of the century, almost 11% of our population could

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not read or write. The average person did not finish grade school. Today illiteracy has virtually disappeared and approx 50% of all our boys and girls graduate from high school. More youngsters now get college degrees than finished high school in 1900.—GWILYM A PRICE, pres, Westinghouse Electric, "I'll Take The Machine Age," *Nation's Business*, 2-52.

EDUCATION—Discipline—17

Why shouldn't pupils know that teachers become angry; feel temporary dislikes for and hostilities toward their pupils?

When employes anger the boss, they get fired. Drivers who irritate police officers get ticketed, or worse. People who create disturbances in public places get bounced. *If a school fails to teach children these things, it is failing to help them cope with life.*—PAUL B HORTON & RACHEL Y HORTON, *Michigan Education Jnl.*

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World War I: 5 days from move for armistice to cease-fire.

World War II in Europe: 2 days to arrange cease-fire.

World War II in Pacific: 14 days to negotiate cease-fire.

Korean War: 223 days to Feb. 1, with talk still going on.

—*U S News and World Report* 18

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FREEDOM—Lack—19

A dictatorship is a nation where men once had freedom but didn't use it.—A BRANDON, *Indiana Issue*, Indiana Temperance League.



We hear a lot of talk these days as to whether we should, or should not have a military man as our Chief Executive. In any case, there certainly is ample precedent. In the 120 yrs of our history, from Geo Washington's 1st term thru Theodore Roosevelt's 2nd, a military man occupied the Presidential chair 43 per cent of the time. And ten of the incumbents were generals! To refresh your memory, here's the list:

- 1—George Washington
- 2—Andrew Jackson
- 3—Wm Henry Harrison
- 4—Zachary Taylor
- 5—Franklin Pierce
- 6—U S Grant
- 7—Rutherford B Hayes
- 8—Jas A Garfield
- 9—Chester A Arthur
- 10—Benj Harrison

Sometime prior to the turn of the century Ambrose Bierce, American journalist who disappeared mysteriously in Mexico in '13, composed a little book on writing style, from which it might serve our present purpose to quote a paragraph: "Do not use the word 'candidate' when 'aspirant' is meant. In American politics, one is not a candidate for office until formally nominated for it by a convention, or otherwise. So, when a man who is moving Heaven and earth to procure the nomination protests he is 'not a candidate' he tells the truth in order to deceive."

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It's an **IDEA**

Does your club or association have that perennial problem of all organizations, getting people out for meetings?

Here's a rather drastic but effective trick used by some groups to give mbrs that little extra incentive to come around: Monthly dues are raised by a certain amount. If a mbr attends the meetings, he gets the extra amount back. If he stays home, he doesn't. If dues are annual, so much is returned for each meeting attended. Maybe that would work in your group, too.—Changing Times.

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FREE ENTERPRISE—20

Those who discuss sharing the wealth forget the necessity of creating wealth to share. There has recently grown up a philosophy of "survival of the sickest" instead of the fittest. The successful enterprise is the subject of suspicion and investigation. I wish they would start investigating the failures. This might result in some very interesting economic information.—DAVID SARNOFF, chmn, Radio Corp'n of America.

GIFTS—Giving—21

Gifts to charity increased last yr. Publicity-made gifts in 10 major cities topped \$477.3 million, compared with '50's \$424.7 million.—Quick.

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GOD—and Man—22

Honestly, he didn't mean to shiver the rafters in the ceiling of his wood-framed church. But when he got going on "Sin" no eardrum was safe.

A golden-curled moppet in the congregation wised him up on his one fault.

"Mister Preacher," she whispered in his ear, "you wouldn't have to shout so loud if you got closer to God."—GEO F TAUBENECK, *Air Conditioning & Refrigeration News*.

GOOD—Evil—23

To begin looking for things that are wrong is to succeed in the search; to start out looking for the things that are right can also result in a successful search. Looking for the wrong things does one thing to us, while looking for the right things does something else and very different.—ROY L SMITH, "If Something Ain't Wrong," *Christian Advocate*, 1-31-'52.

GOOD-OLD-DAYS—24

Actually, the good old days were pretty bad. Worse things were taking place even a generation ago, but we didn't know about them because communications weren't so good as they are today.—DR PAUL D WHITE, Harvard Univ Medical School.

GOSSIP—25

If you heard a bit of gossip and repeated it to 2 persons within 15 min's; if they each repeated to 2 others within 15 min's—and so on, and on—it would take only 7 hrs and 45 min's for everybody in the world to be informed.—"The Answer Man," quoted in *Coronet*.

GOVT—and Business—26

Business men should stop treating the gov't like a huge, terrifying, hostile power. The difficulties that business men experience in dealing with gov't result from the cumbersome organization and the business man's total ignorance of gov'tal procedure.—*Jos ALSOP, N Y Herald-Tribune Syndicate.*

GOVT—Cost—27

In N Y state during '50, agricultural income added up to \$363,100,000. Impressive? Yes, but during the same yr, gov't expenditures within the state to state, local and federal employees, military personnel, and persons receiving pensions and benefits amounted to \$3,812,000,000—more than 10 times the total agricultural income!—*Dairymen's League News.*

HOME—28

He was a small hitch-hiker with a heavy load of books. I asked where he lived.

"It's a big white house," the boy said, "with a porch clear across the front, and a lot of tall trees in the yard. It's on top of a hill."

A few moments later we neared a small rise with a tiny 4-room cottage perched on it. White-washed walls had weathered gray as the house sagged into the grassless soil. Its little tacked-on porch was warped from heat and rain. In the thin shade of a chinaberry tree, an old car was dry-docked on 4 piles of brick.

My passenger beamed as he pointed. "That's it!" he shouted. "That's home!"—*FANNIE L GRAVES, Family Circle.*

"Of all things!"

There ought to be some sort of a wise-crack in the fact that the tribe of Genghis Khan came last wk to rest in Philadelphia, City of Brotherly Love. Surviving Kalmucks—mbrs of the Mongol tribe descended from Genghis Khan and his horde—were admitted to the U S under special ruling of the Immigration Service. Prior to World War II they had settled on the steppes of southern Russia. Refusing draft into the Russian army, they fled to Germany. Now, some 80 of the tribe have applied to Pennsylvania Employment Service for permanent jobs.

Soon after the death of Queen Victoria, in '01, London papers reported there was scarcely a yard of black goods to be found in all Britain. Loyal subjects had rushed to buy mourning. With the death of King George VI, history is repeating. Show windows, quickly draped with dark apparel, now stand barren. Shops are sold out. One emporium sold 17,000 black neckties in an hour. Privileged vendors, featuring the cherished line, "Purveyor to His Majesty the King" are junking costly containers. Some will reprint, altering the line to read "the late King." Others, whose wares are appropriate, hopefully await the honor of boasting supplianee to "Her Majesty the Queen."

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It just may be that our vaunted deep-freeze isn't as modern an invention as we have been led to believe. Writing in *American Heritage* (Winter, '52) Wm. Hazlett Upson relates, in "Vermont's Wierdest Legend" a persistent tale of "freezing folks." According to old-timers, who had the tale from their old-timers, it was quite the custom in early days when food was scarce to "freeze up" all elderly and surplus mbrs of a household. The 1st step was to get them drunk on moonshine mixed with Indian herbs. As they passed out, they would be carried out into the bitter cold for a "quick freeze." The inert bodies were then packed in straw and covered with boards so wild animals couldn't get at them. In the Spring, Pa and Ma would dig out Grandpa, Aunt Eunice, and all the others, thaw them out. And there they'd be, all ready to help with the Spring planting! In the paraphrase of Uncle Remus, "We gi'n you the tale like hit wuz gi'n to us."

In the '48 political campaign, *The New Republic* was the only nationally-circulated mag to support Pres Truman. Now, the liberal wkly editorializes (2-4) for the President's retirement. It is their charge that he is "a spent force politically."

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HOUSING—29

First we shape our bldgs and then our bldgs shape us.—Dr THEODORE D RICE, N Y Univ, at Conf on School Bldg Equipment for Modern Instructional Procedures.

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The conception of "Johnny Appleseed" as a kindly but unlettered old codger is a bit wide of the mark. He was an alumnus of Harvard, a disciple of Emanuel Swedenborg. Moreover, he was not yet 30 when the Apple Adventure began. "Johnny" did not hand out apple seeds, as commonly related. He planted young trees, grown in his large nursery, thru an area of 9 states. His true name was John Chapman. He is buried at Ft Wayne, Ind, where he died 105 yrs ago (Mar 11, 1847).

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HOUSING—Costs—31

A Dallas builder itemized construction costs on homes he sold and came out with a figure of 9¢ a lb. Three bedroom house was advertised at 175,000 lbs—\$15,570—far cheaper per pound than meat.

—*American Builder*.

IDEALS—32

Every nation is invincible so long as it maintains strong and effective sources of moral and spiritual vigor.—WM GREEN, editorial, *American Federationist*.

INFLATION—33

When an apple a day costs more than keeping the doctor away—brother, that's inflation!—*Sunshine Magazine*.

Pathways to the Past



Wk of
Mar 9-15

Ninety yrs ago (Mar 9, 1862) the naval vessels *Monitor* and *Merrimac* engaged in battle. Actually, it wasn't much of a scrap and the conflict was indecisive, but we recall the engagement because it was the 1st meeting of iron-clad vessels.

The 1st Internat'l Industrial Exposition was chartered 100 yrs ago (Mar 11, 1852). Known as the "Association for the Exhibition of the Industry of All Nations" it was open with great fanfare in N Y City by Pres Franklin K Pierce in the summer of '53.

It has now been just 25 yrs (Mar 11, '27) since the sensational Pittsburgh armored-car robbery — the 1st theft from an armored car. The car was dynamited, injuring 5 guards. The loot: \$104,000.

Our compliments to the Girl Scouts, founded 40 yrs ago (Mar 12, '12) at Savannah, Ga, by Mrs Juliette Gordon Low.

This is the 100th birthday of your Uncle Sam! In the *New York Lantern*, Mar 13, 1852, appeared the 1st cartoon of the beloved character. (Actually, the U S had been known familiarly as "Uncle Sam" since the war of '12, but cartoonist Frank Henry Temple Bellew gave him the likeness that has now become a nat'l symbol.)

Now rapidly disappearing (and too bad!) that extremely practical article known as the earmuff was patented 75 yrs ago (Mar 13, 1877) by inventor Chester Greenwood, of Farmington, Me. He called them "earmufflers"; made quite a fortune out of the idea.

The 1st War Bond issued by the Fed'l Gov't (exclusive of refunding of Revolutionary War debts) was authorized 140 yrs ago (Mar 13, 1812). The issue was slightly over \$8 million. We'd like to be able to add that this was also the *last* Gov't issue for that unhappy and profitless purpose.

Quite a commotion 60 yrs ago over the new-fangled voting machine. N Y State was 1st to authorize its use, Mar 15, 1892. "Machine politics," however, is somewhat older than that.

The Blood Bank is now 15 yrs old. First one was established at Cook County Hospital, Chicago, Mar 15, 1937.

Andrew Jackson born 185 yrs ago (Mar 15, 1767). Our 7th President and 1st to come from the new West.

First quarterly payment on your Fed'l income tax is now due . . . and do remember that this is Nat'l Smile Week!

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One can be fooled by married life:

It isn't, every time, the wife
Who says the cutting catty
things

And husband who goes out on
flings;

Not always she who's overneat,
And he who comes home late
to eat;

Not always she who's too ex-
pensive,

While he is close and appre-
hensive;

Not always she who runs to
Mother,

Not always he who eyes an-
other.

In fact, I'd like to point this
moral:

The instigator of the quarrel,
And taker-up, and bitter-ender
Can just as well be either
gender. — RICHARD ARMOUR,
Woman's Home Companion. 34

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LIFE—35

We learn what we live—WM H
KILPATRICK, *Philosophy of Educa-
tion* (Macmillan).

MARRIED LIFE—36

A wise woman makes her hus-
band think he's head of the house
when he's only chmn of the en-
tertainment comm.—*American Ho-
rologist & Jeweler*.

MARRIED LIFE—Divorce—37

Weak coffee has probably caused
more divorces than strong drink.
—Grit.

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MUSIC—Appreciation—38

“Let us assume,” a friend re-
marked, “that you were ship-
wrecked and left alone on a small
island. Suppose you had to aban-
don every opera score in your
possession except one. What would
you do?”

Toscanini looked pained for a
few moments, as if wrestling with
what seemed a fearful predica-
ment. Then his features relaxed.

“I would drown myself,” he said
calmly. — LOUIS BIANCOLLI, *N Y
World-Telegram & Sun*.

ORIGIN: Bayonet—39

Many yrs ago, in the village of
Bayonne on the coast of France,
when all the men were away fish-
ing, a pirate ship sailed into the
bay. The women, forced to defend
their families, lashed their carving
knives to the handles of their
brooms and gave the pirates such
a warm reception that they were
glad to get away with no booty.
Bayonne is kept in memory by the
word *bayonet*. — HENRY DRIVER,
Townsend Nat'l Wkly.

PEACE—40

If we wage the peace and win it,
we have the opportunity to convert
this mid-point of the twentieth
century into the great turning
point of all time.—PAUL G HOFF-
MAN, *Peace Can Be Won* (Double-
day).

PERMANENCE—Desire for—41

The scientist's urge to investi-
gate, like the faith of the devout
or the inspiration of the artist, is
an expression of mankind's long-
ing for something fixed, something
at rest in the universal whirl.—
MAX BORN, *The Restless Universe*
(Dover).

POVERTY—Plenty—42

The problem of abolishing want is not a problem in division, as the politicians so often aver; it is a problem in multiplication. —

HENRY M WRISTON, *Forbes*.

POWER—43

Power is good or evil according to the vision that it serves: not the vision of governors alone, nor the vision of governed alone, but a vision that is somehow common to them both, the not discerned with equal range of sight.—LORD RADCLIFFE, "Power, and the Problem of its Control," *Listener*, London, 12-20-'51.

PRAYER—44

No prayer that you say goes unanswered. When you don't get something you've prayed for, then, plainly the answer is "No."—JOE DIGIOVANNI, *Kewanis Mag*.

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Warning

Even more ominous
Than the sound of a riot,
Is when the youngsters
Are suddenly quiet.—*Australasian Mfr* (Australia). 45

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PREJUDICE—46

Prejudice is taught. It is a stern fact that no child is born with prejudice in his heart. If love and a sense of brotherhood is the natural attitude in his home, he will enter community life ready to find the worth of people—as individuals—without classification as to religion, race, color or economic privilege.—MRS JOHN E HAYS, retiring pres, Nat'l Congress of Parents and Teachers.



Who are these people?

ALAN G KIRK

Adm Kirk, appointed Ambassador to the U S S R in '49, is retiring from his post. With Pres Truman's appointment of Geo F Kennan as successor, this is an especially opportune time to print an excerpt from an address by Adm Kirk in N Y last Oct.

Let us ask now, who are these people that inhabit the Soviet Union? Here I am obliged to state, except for certain officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and certain Soviet employes of my Embassy, I know no Russians. Soviet civilians are not allowed to visit, to entertain, or to know foreigners. . . . This may seem extraordinary, but it is a fact. Can you imagine living two yrs in Rome and knowing no Italians? Or two yrs in Paris and knowing no Frenchmen? Yet such is the case in the Soviet Union. We know no Russians. . .

This is a young nation with an average age probably between 30 and 35. There are not many old people in Russia. In some ways the present situation in the Soviet Union can be compared to that of the U S in the early 1800's. They, too, are a young race, virile and vigorous, with imagination and inspiration. They are an educated people, for schooling is compulsory. The young Russian feels that knowledge is power.

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SALESMANSHIP—47

A little newsboy, too young to read, was weeping on a corner. He was carrying an armload of papers to sell, but selling none. When a kindly gentleman paused to ask the trouble, the boy held up a paper: "Please, Mister, read me the headlines. I forgot me holler."—HAROLD BLAKE WALKER, "By Might or by Merit?" *Pulpit Digest*, 2-'52.

SELF—Analysis—48

A fusty old gentleman who, for yrs, ran a curio shop in N Y C, was being interviewed one day by a reporter who planned to do a feature story on the many strange things the old man had collected during a life-time of trading.

"And what," the reporter asked, "would you say is the strangest thing you have in the shop?" The old man thought a moment, looked at the mountain of deer heads, walrus teeth, shrunken heads, stuffed alligators, mounted scorpions, Roman togas and similar bric-a-brac, and then, turning sadly to the reporter, said, "I am."—*Bluebook*.

SELF ASSURANCE—49

Man can never abandon faith in himself and his God-given talent without sinning against himself as a human and against his time.—C D FRIEDRICH, quoted in *Deutsche Rundschau*, Stuttgart, Germany (Quote translation).

SEXES—50

What women do with their lives depends largely on men. Men must decide whether they want partners or parasites!—ELIZABETH ECKHARDT MAY, "College Women and Nat'l Service," *Journal of High Education*, 1-'52.

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SIMPLICITY—51

I am convinced that success in mg't is mainly made up of doing the simple things well. I wish that the terrific urge for new methods could be transferred into a desire of equal strength to do the relatively simple things that go into the job of mg't and do them more efficiently. — CLAUDE E DUNFREE, *Managers' Mag* (Canada).

TELEVISION—52

Frieda B Hennock, FCC commissioner, has found that in the period before television, there were 10 mf'rs of toy pistols and other instruments of murder and mayhem. Now there are 263!

THEORY—Practice—53

The attempt to make silk purses from sows' ears was never wise; it is better to produce good quality honest pig-skin from them. — Lt Col FREDERICK EVANS, "The Products of Our Schools," *Qtly Review*, London, 1-'52.

THOUGHT—54

There are mighty few people who think what they think they think. — ROB'T HENRY, *The Art Spirit* (Lippincott).

TOLERANCE—55

Tolerance is a very dull virtue. It is boring. Unlike love, it has always had a bad press. It is negative. It merely means putting up with people, being able to stand things. No one has ever written an ode to tolerance, or raised a statue to her. Yet this is the only force which will enable different races and classes and interests to settle down together to the work of reconstruction.—E M FORSTER, *Two Cheers for Democracy* (Harcourt).

TRAFFIC—56

A traffic expert estimated old-time New Yorkers sped 11.5 mph via horse and buggy; today's auto average in midtown traffic: 6 mph.—*Quick*.

TRUTH—Untruth—57

Until man finds the Truth he continues to try to replace it with something else; since nothing can replace Truth, man is continually disappointed.—LUDWIG HOHL, *Du*, Zurich, Switzerland (QUOTE translation).

VISION—58

We call loudly for a man of vision, and when we get one we call him a visionary.—*Call Workman*, hm, Workman Service.

WISDOM—59

Wisdom is divided into two parts —(1) having a great deal to say, and (2) not saying it.—*Origin unknown*.

WOMEN—60

What every woman wants is security and a chance to play with insecurity. — *Enos Magazine*, hm, Enos Coal Mining Co.

WOMEN—Age—61

We middle-age women are practically indestructible. After a woman reaches the age of fifty, apparently it is necessary to run over her with a tank in order to damage her. Middle age strikes the hour when we can take up responsibilities in public life. Few of us will, like Margaret Chase Smith, reach the U S Senate, but we may be elected tree warden of our village. — ERNESTA BARLOW, "High Noon in Your Life," *Vogue*, 2-'52.



For 100 yrs seamen have scoffed at the saga of *Moby Dick*, Herman Melville's classic story of an albino sperm whale. Such a creature, they have asserted, was never seen on land or sea. Last wk, the whaler factory ship *Anglo Norse* made port at Elizabeth, N J, with photographic proof that the white whale was no mammoth of the Melville mind. A 56-ton albino sperm, the only one of authentic record, had been harpooned off the coast of Peru.

Who concocted the 1st "who-dun-it" in the English language? Wilkie Collins may be cited with reasonable accuracy. True, *The Moonstone* (written 25 yrs before the birth of Sherlock Holmes) is not a detective story, but it is a narrative of mystery and high adventure, involving a cursed gem. In early March Macmillan publishes a Collins biography by Kenneth Robinson. Should be good reading.

Remember the series *Fortune* ran here awhile back on the foibles and fetishes of Big Business—particularly that piece on the tribal customs of Company Wives (reprinted in *Life*)? The material is being fashioned into a book, *Is Anybody Listening?* to be published shortly after the Ides of March (Simon & Schuster).

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Good Stories.....

you can use

A man who had lost his hat decided the simplest way to replace it was to go to church and steal one from the entry. Once inside, he heard a sermon on the ten commandments. Coming out, he was greeted by the minister and said to him: "I want you to know that you saved me from crime. I came in here with sin in my heart. I was going to steal a hat. But after hearing your sermon, I changed my mind." "Fine," said the minister. "But would you tell me what I said that changed your mind?" Repl'd the other, "Well, when you got to that part about 'thou shalt not commit adultery'—I remembered where I left my hat!"—*Origin unknown.* a

A man from a remote part of the country was making his 1st visit to a theatre in N Y City. At the intermission he turned to the occupant of a neighboring chair:

"Mister, I'm wonderin' about them actors. Was they brought here special, or do they live here?"

The neighbor replied that most of them probably lived in N Y.

"Um-m," mused the visitor, "they do purty good fer home talent."—*DAN BENNETT.* b

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She came to me at the close of day, when the lamps were being lit and a feeling of peace lay over the world. With cool fingers she caressed my forehead. Gently she took from me the volume of simple

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

BILL WILDHACK,
Newspaper Columnist

A story going around in political circles shows how hectic political campaigning can be. Seems that Harold Stassen, in quest of the Republican presidential nomination, paid a visit to an eastern city. As usual, a schedule of engagements had been made up by the local reception committee. Every minute of the visit was filled.

Stassen took a look at the list and drew a pencil line thru a 10-min conference.

A committee mbr wanted to know why.

"Well," said Stassen apologetically, "I do have to go to the bathroom."

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heartfelt verses which I had been reading. Softly, her warm lips close to my ear, she whispered: "I'll wash and you dry."—*Christian Union Herald.* c

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Our latest Hollywood-child story concerns a 9-yr-old girl who advised a contemporary of her mother that her parents were about to be divorced. The recipient of this information expressed grieved surprise, whereupon the little lass continued, "No one knows what a hard life Mummy has had. Do you realize she's never had a car with a Hydra-Matic drive?" — *New Yorker.* d



The village idler was approached by a curious observer. "Must be pretty dull to sit here all day and do nothing but whittle."

"Well," said Uncle Fred, "I'm thinkin', mostly."

"Do you mean you can sit and do nothing but think—and not get bored?"

The old man spat a brown stream. "That's right," he ans'd. "Thinkin' is a lot like sin. Them that don't is scared of it. Them that do it enough finally get so they like it."—*True.* e

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A young army recruit, appalled at the great contrast between barracks life and his comfortable, cultured home life as the son of a Harvard prof, was feeling a little homesick. He wandered behind the barracks and slumped down on the steps of them. In a moment the top sgt came around the corner and barked, "What are you doing there?" The boy leaped to his feet. "I'm—er—procrastinating, sir."

The sgt looked dubious, then said, "Well, O K, just so you keep busy."—*Classmate.* f

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An actress thought she had an excellent plan for keeping her diamond necklace safe. She always left in on the dressing-table with a note: "This is on'y an imitation. The real necklace is kept at the bank."

Eut one night she found it gone and in its place this note: "This

Big Dipper: *Uncle Sam.*—In a Nutshell.

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The average father today wears out a pr of shoes while the rest of the family wears out a set of tires.—O A BATTISTA.

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K rations stored in Germany since the war have spoiled, the Army reports. And the former GI wants to know, "How could they tell?"—Omaha World-Herald.

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necklace will do, thanks. I'm only a substitute myself. The burglar who looks after this territory is away on vacation."—*Irish Digest,* Dublin. g

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You recall the comment of Pres Truman, accenting the imperative-ness of White House repairs: He feared that sometime when he was in the tub, the bathroom floor might give way and he would descend upon a group comprising Mrs Truman and sisters of the D.A.R.

Our Washington scout now reports that the area directly below the President's bathroom is known as the Red Room. Tsk! tsk! What a spot in which to be entertaining Daughters of the American Revolution! h

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Quote-ettes

Newspaper exec, heading movement to formalize title of Britain's reigning monarch: "We ought to quit calling her 'Lilibet.' She's a big girl now." 1-Q-t

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Spokesman for F T C, decreeing that after Aug 9 furs must be sold under plainly-designated names: "Furriers have been skinning customers as well as animals." (But do women *want* to be told they're wearing alley-cat or skunk?) 2-Q-t

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Mrs VIRGINIA FOUNTAIN, entering Wayne Univ, Detroit, at age 76: "I teach a Sunday School class, and I want to keep ahead of my children." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

News of the **NEW**

FOODS: Fattening drink to help restore weight and energy to people suffering from malnutrition is homogenized peanut oil, a sweet milky fluid containing 2,000 calories a pt. (*Cosmopolitan*)

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PHOTOGRAPHY: Flash guard for use in taking photos with flashbulbs is plastic bag-like affair to put over bulb; gives safety from shattering. Clear transparent mat'l on one side, blue plastic on other to act as filter for color shots. (*Science News Letter*)

SAFETY: New invention being tried by American Public Works Ass'n consists of panels on road which touch sound boxes when cars pass over. Cries out such warnings as 'Danger,' 'Shoulder,' or 'Crossing.' (*Pathfinder*)

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TOOLS: "Third Hand" hammer-nail clip is device for starting nails into boards in hard - to - reach places. Clip fits on side of any standard claw hammer, has slots to take anything from shingle nail to spike. **Amsco Co**, Le Center, Minn. (*Newsweek*)

